



Oral testimony in support

HB 2407, creating conditions for the administration of certain tests, questionnaires, surveys and examinations  
and eliminating the parental consent requirements

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Chair, Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2407.

In the KASB 2023 State Resolutions, our Delegate Assembly, which represents school board members across Kansas, approved language to allow teachers, counselors, and other district employees the ability to administer questionnaires, surveys, and screening tools to ensure the safety and well-being of our students and schools.

We believe this bill helps local schools accomplish that goal by changing some of the restrictions that were adopted by the Legislature last year.

This bill maintains that the tests, questionnaires or surveys are voluntary and provides an opt out provision for students and parents. The bill also allows for mental health screenings.

We would suggest allowing, or ensuring that mental health assessments, as part of counseling services, would include threat assessments, and we would suggest opening it up to different school staff since some smaller districts do not have school counselors or other school-based health professionals.

In conclusion, KASB believes the questionnaires are necessary tools that help educators gain insights on the health risk behaviors of their students, and then they can address those issues. The one-size fits-all restrictions can prevent local schools from addressing these health risk behaviors on the local level.

Thank you

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